

Date: November 30, 2020

To: The Members of the Michigan Judiciary Committee

Regarding: Oppose HB 5679 Now!

I'm writing this note to let you know that I oppose HB 5679 in its current form as it places adjudicated juveniles 17 years of age and under on the registry for what could be a lifetime with no evidence that this lifetime sentence provides any benefit to the public but mounds of evidence in research of the irreparable harm it causes juveniles and their families.

Remove the all adjudicated juveniles from the registry now!

I don't understand why heroin, meth, and cocaine dealers can be convicted of selling these highly addictive drugs to multiple juveniles causing significant, irreparable harm to the public and yet none of these convicted adults are placed on any kind of registry. Likewise, murderers are not placed on a registry, or arsonists, or adults with assault and battery convictions, multiple drunk driving arrests – all of whom I would consider much more dangerous than an adjudicated 15 or 16-year old whose state of Michigan psychologists have deemed low risk of re-offense.

We need to remove all adjudicated juveniles 17 years of age and younger from the registry and change or reject HB 5679. In addition, remove all the Tiers, 1 through 3—these are constructed under no scientific evidence, no research, essentially constructed under the imagination of one's doing.

Sincerely,

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